

During the first two quarters of 2019, the SC Board of Medical Examiners (BME) issued 867 MD initial licenses. Of this group, 125 licenses were randomly selected for audit from the date the initial application was received from the applicant to the date the license was issued by the BME. The BME cannot make a decision on a license application until the application is complete. **The average number of work days that the application was processed by board staff or under review by the BME was six (6) days.**

Please see the audit results and definitions as follows:

Results (in business days):

125 Applications

- Average total license turnaround time – 36.64
- Average days in deficiency – 32
- Average days in house – 6
- Average days in house before deficiency letter sent – 2
- Average days in house after deficiencies met, before licensure - 5

- **53.6% of licenses issued in 30 days or less (13 deficiency, 6 in house)**
- **46.4% of licenses issued in 31 or more days (52 deficiency, 7 in house)**

Definitions:

Total license turnaround time – The number of work days that pass between the date the BME received the application from the applicant to the date the license is issued. This includes days in deficiency and days in house. BME cannot make a decision on a license application until the application is complete and includes all the required information.

Days in deficiency – Of the total license turnaround time, the number of work days that the application is incomplete and missing some required piece of information before a licensure decision can be made. Missing information can include items such as the criminal background check, other state verifications, FCVS profiles, among other required documents. Primary source verification of certain information is required by SC Medical Practice Act SC Code Section 40-47-32(K) and criminal history background checks by Section 40-47-36.

Days in house – Of the total license turnaround time, the number of work days that the application is being processed by board staff or under review by the BME.